

[Sam Jones]

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NOV 2 1936 PIONEER STORY Sam Jones

[L?] Located about thirty five miles southwest of [Artesia?] is a large ranch owned by Sam Jones (second white child born in Seven Rivers).

On this ranch is one of the nicest natural swimming holes to be found on Rocky.

One Sunday some friends of mine and I visited Sam Jones swimming hole, and while there Sam came down and talked with us. After [some?] urging we got him to tell us some pioneer stories:

“We cowboys enjoyed our fun, yes we surely did, and you know it usually got us into a [heep?] of trouble too. I remember one [time?], now let me see, yes it was when I was working for Mr. Eddy—he had a large ranch located near where [Carlsbad?] now stands, [well?] some of us boys [of?] the ranch decided to go down where they were constructin’ a dam and see what deviltry we could get into, (we had had several drinks and were feeling pretty good) well sir, we managed to get into this [devilment?] too and in a pretty short time.

The construction crew were living in tents, so we decided to see how many of these tents we could rope and pull down. [we?] pulled every last one of the tents down before we were seen by any of the crew. But when they did see us!!! Well all of the boys were caught but me. You see that mountain over yonder, he said pointing to a mountain just behind his home, “well sir, I rode up Rocky [Arroyo?] and stayed three days and nights on that mountain, yessir, and didn't have a thing to eat. Every night or about dark 2 I would come

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down to this stream and water my horse and get water for myself, and then go back to my hiding place. On the fourth day one of the boys from the ranch decided that I was hiding here so he rode out and found me. He told me that Ciciro Stewart had been hunting me to arrest me but Mr. Eddy had paid my fine of \$100. and he wanted me to come back to work. / C 18 - N. Mex.

Never in my life have I been so glad to get back to work, I guess the biggest reason was that I was so gosh darned hungry.